

### REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Letter dated March 15, 2005. Favorable reconsideration of the application, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, and 3-17 are pending. The Examiner has indicated that the election requirement is withdrawn and that Claims 1 and 9-17 are allowed. The Examiner also indicated that Claims 3-8 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been cancelled and Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 2. Claim 5 and 15 have been amended to incorporate a minor editorial change. The Applicants requests reconsideration of the remaining pending claims in light of these amendments.

Applicants note for the Examiner that a copy of the Foreign Search Report and an Information Disclosure Statement listing the references cited therein has been filed with this Amendment.